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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear President Trump,

Thank you for your hard and successful work on behalf of America's farmers and ranchers. Whether it's through the modernized trade agreement with Mexico and Canada, a new trade agreement with Japan that provides important new market access for many of our farmers, critical support in the face of retaliation, or the historic China Phase One agreement, your dedication to protecting American agriculture and expanding global markets will put our farmers and ranchers in a position to succeed for years to come.

Unfortunately, farmers and ranchers are suffering heavy losses through supply chain disruptions and loss of demand caused by the global coronavirus pandemic. While the tremendous efforts made by you and your administration to aid U.S. agriculture during this crisis have been critical lifelines, America's farmers are hurting. They need security not just in the short term but for the future as well.

We believe that China's agricultural purchasing commitments in the Phase One agreement could serve as an essential piece of that long-term security for farmers. The Phase One agreement includes hard-won enforceable commitments and structural changes that China is required to undertake. It cracks down on China's unfair treatment of U.S. agriculture products and secures a vital foothold for U.S. producers in Chinese markets through China's commitment to roughly \$80 billion in agricultural purchases over two years. These commitments will re-establish and strengthen our trading relationships in the region and ensure our farmers and ranchers can compete and win abroad.

Successful implementation of Phase One will serve as the test for whether China lives up to its commitments and will also serve as the foundation on which we negotiate Phase Two. We understand, thanks to your leadership, that China has taken significant steps to meet its structural commitments, and we urge you to continue the pressure. But another key measure of success for Phase One will be whether China upholds its agricultural purchasing commitments. Indeed, with the ongoing crisis farmers and ranchers are facing, these purchases cannot come soon enough. With that in mind, in the coming weeks, as members of your Administration speak directly with Chinese officials regarding implementation of Phase One, we respectfully urge that China's purchasing commitments for U.S. agricultural products be a top priority for these conversations.

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We recognize that China must be held accountable for its lack of transparency during the early weeks of the coronavirus outbreak, and we support a strong response to these failures. At the same time, we urge you to continue moving forward with implementation of Phase One, especially as it concerns China's agricultural purchasing commitments, which will serve as an essential boost to our economic recovery efforts, especially for our farmers. We ask that you continue your strong commitment to U.S. farmers by ensuring that China keeps its word.

Thank you once again for your leadership in providing vital support to our farmers and ranchers.

Sincerely,



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